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Big Decisions, Small Hands: A Kindergarten Budget Challenge

Will you build a slide or fix the swings? Use 10 scenarios to weigh how leaders spend community money while balancing needs and wants.

1. The Town Mayor has a pile of money from everyone's taxes. There is only enough to fix the bumpy road OR buy new library books. If she chooses the road, what is she doing?

- A. Ignoring the town
- B. Making a fiscal choice to help drivers
- C. Giving everyone free popcorn
- D. Closing the library forever

2. True or False: If the government decides to build a giant statue of a cat instead of a hospital, they are using their budget wisely for the people's health.

- A. True
- B. False

3. To get money for a new community park, the town leaders ask every grown-up to pay a little bit of money. This collected money is called ____.

- A. Allowance
- B. Toy money
- C. Taxes
- D. Presents

4. The fire station needs a new truck, but the money is gone! How can the government get more money to help the firefighters?

- A. Ask people to pay slightly more in taxes
- B. Wait for a money tree to grow
- C. Tell the firefighters to use bicycles
- D. Find a treasure chest in the ocean

5. If the government gives a 'Back to School' check to every family to buy pencils, what will likely happen at the stores?

- A. People will stop going to stores
- B. The stores will have zero customers
- C. People will spend more money, helping the economy
- D. Pencils will turn into gold

6. True or False: Every time a leader spends money on a bridge, they are choosing NOT to spend that same money on something else, like a school.

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B. False

7. A village has a budget to help people. If they spend all their money on ice cream but forget to pay the police, the village will have a ___ problem.

- A. Flavor
- B. Safety
- C. Sleeping
- D. Weather

8. Imagine nobody is buying snacks at the local bakery. What could the government do to help the bakery sell more bread?

- A. Take away the baker's flour
- B. Make people pay higher taxes
- C. Give the baker a grant (gift of money) to lower prices
- D. Close the bakery's front door

9. True or False: The government should only collect taxes from children who sell lemonade.

- A. True
- B. False

10. When the government builds a giant wall to protect a city from floods, they are using their money to provide a public ___.

- A. Toy
- B. Secret
- C. Service
- D. Game